

Ratio of Income¹ to Poverty Level² of Persons 60+, by Age: 1989

United States, All Persons for Whom Poverty Status Is Determined

(Data based on a sample)

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AGE	UNDER 1.00	1.00 TO 1.24	1.25 TO 1.49	1.50 TO 1.99	2.00 AND OVER	TOTAL
NUMBER						
TOTAL, 65+	3,780,585	2,096,585	1,934,937	3,446,192	18,304,348	29,562,647
TOTAL, 60+	4,822,173	2,501,856	2,319,522	4,297,965	26,174,059	40,115,575
60-64	1,041,588	405,271	384,585	851,773	7,869,711	10,552,928
65-74	1,857,468	996,478	993,540	1,930,029	12,155,141	17,932,656
75-84	1,466,796	835,104	744,259	1,231,227	5,065,011	9,342,397
85+	456,321	265,003	197,138	284,936	1,084,196	2,287,594
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL						
TOTAL, 60+	12.0	6.2	5.8	10.7	65.2	100.0
60-64	9.9	3.8	3.6	8.1	74.6	100.0
65-74	10.4	5.6	5.5	10.8	67.8	100.0
75-84	15.7	8.9	8.0	13.2	54.2	100.0
85+	19.9	11.6	8.6	12.5	47.4	100.0
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE						
TOTAL, 60+	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
60-64	21.6	16.2	16.6	19.8	30.1	26.3
65-74	38.5	39.8	42.8	44.9	46.4	44.7
75-84	30.4	33.4	32.1	28.6	19.4	23.3
85+	9.5	10.6	8.5	6.6	4.1	5.7

¹ Includes wage or salary income; net non farm self-employment income; net farm self-employment income; interest, dividend, or net rental or royalty income; Social Security or railroad retirement income; public assistance or welfare income; retirement or disability income; and all other regular sources of income.

² The income cutoffs used to determine poverty status are a function of family size and the presence and number of family members under 18 years old. Unrelated individuals and two-person families were further differentiated by age of householder (under 65 years old and 65 years old and over). The average poverty threshold for a family of four persons was \$12,674 in 1989.

Source of data: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Special Tabulation on Aging, STP 14, Tables P373, P377, P381, and P385. See technical documentation for more detailed definitions.